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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JULIA C. MEZA, on behalf of herself  
and all other similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

vs.

PORTFOLIO RECOVERY  
ASSOCIATES, LLC, a Delaware  
limited liability company; HUNT &  
HENRIQUES, a general partnership;  
MICHAEL SCOTT HUNT,  
individually and in his official  
capacity; JANALIE ANN  
HENRIQUES, individually and in her  
official capacity; ANTHONY J.  
DIPIERO, individually and in his  
official capacity;

Defendants.

CASE NO.: 5:14-cv-03486-LHK

**~~PROPOSED~~ ORDER GRANTING  
ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION TO  
CONSIDER WHETHER CASES  
SHOULD BE RELATED**

1 Before the Court is Defendants' Administrative Motion to consider whether  
 2 the following cases should be deemed related under Civil Local Rule 3-12:

3 *Meza v. Portfolio Recovery Assocs., LLC, et al.*, Case No.: 5:14-cv-03486-  
 4 LHK ("Meza");

5 *Ciganek v. Portfolio Recovery Assocs., LLC, et al.*, Case No.: 5:15-cv-03837-  
 6 LHK ("Ciganek");

7 *James v. Portfolio Recovery Assocs., LLC*, Case No.: 3:14-cv-03889-EMC  
 8 ("James");

9 *Gaines v. Portfolio Recovery Assocs., LLC, et al.*, Case No.: 3-19-cv-01078-  
 10 LB ("Gaines"); and

11 *Combs v. Portfolio Recovery Assocs., LLC, et al.*, Case No.: 5:19-cv-01118-  
 12 NC ("Combs") (together, "the CCP 98 cases").

13 Having read and considered the papers, the Court hereby GRANTS the motion  
 14 and ORDERS that the CCP 98 cases be related to each other.

15 The plaintiffs in each case assert identical claims against Portfolio Recovery  
 16 Associations, LLC ("PRA") and its attorneys under the Fair Debt Collection  
 17 Practices Act ("FDCPA"), 15 U.S.C. § 1692, *et seq.*, arising from declarations PRA  
 18 and its attorneys served on debtors pursuant to Section 98 of the California Code of  
 19 Civil Procedure ("CCP 98") in state court actions to collect delinquent financial  
 20 obligations owed to PRA. The plaintiffs in each case allege the PRA declarants  
 21 were not "available for service of process" as required by CCP 98 because they  
 22 authorized representatives (defendant Hunt & Henriques and other entities) to accept  
 23 service on their behalf. As a result, the plaintiffs contend the PRA declarations  
 24 violated sections 1692e and 1692f of the FDCPA. The plaintiffs are all represented  
 25 by the same counsel and each case is styled as a putative class action.

26 The Court has already found *Ciganek* related to *Meza*, and ordered it  
 27 transferred to this Court. Doc. No. 76. The Court explained the cases were related  
 28 because they both "concern substantially the same defendants, claims and events,

1 and it appears likely that there will be an unduly burdensome duplication of labor  
2 and expense or conflicting results if the cases are conducted before different judges.”  
3 *Id.* at p. 1. *James, Gaines* and *Combs* are related for the same reasons.

4 Accordingly, *James, Gaines* and *Combs* shall be reassigned to the undersigned  
5 judge. All future filings are to bear the initials “LHK.” A copy of this Order shall be  
6 filed in the *James, Gaines* and *Combs* dockets.

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8 DATED: April 22, 2019

  
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The Honorable Lucy H. Koh  
United States District Judge